



## Virginia Green Lodging Profile:



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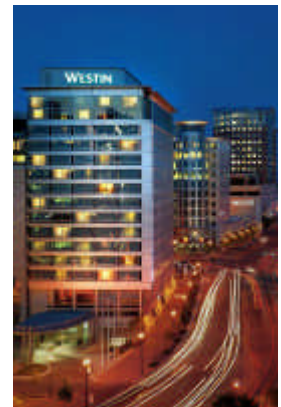
**Virginia Green** is the Commonwealth of Virginia's campaign to promote environmentally-friendly practices in all aspects of Virginia's tourism industry. **Virginia Green** has established "core activities" specific to each sector of tourism, and these practices are considered the required minimum for participation in the program. However, **Virginia Green** encourages its participants to reduce their environmental impacts in all aspects of their operations; and this profile provides a full list of all their "green" activities. These are the activities that guests / customers can expect to find when they visit this facility.

### The Westin Arlington Gateway

"One of the newest hotels in the Washington D.C. area, The Westin Arlington Gateway enjoys prime access to its surrounding area. In the active Ballston area of Arlington, and just a short walk from the Ballston Metro Station, guests have the option of exploring Arlington, Virginia or venturing into the nation's capital."

"The Westin Arlington Gateway prides itself on outstanding service; with a 7,000-square-foot ballroom that can be divided three ways for meeting spaces, and a total of over 10,000 square feet of state-of-the-art meeting facilities. Our staff can help you plan your next event, with a professional catering service and Westin One Call®. Our modern Italian steakhouse and lounge, Pinzimini, serves world-class food and is the perfect place to relax any time of day. There's even a full service Starbucks located right in the hotel lobby."

"Our 336 guest rooms are designed with your comfort in mind, rest in our Heavenly Bed® and refresh in the Heavenly Bath®. Ergonomic desk chairs and flat-screen television sets add a touch of aesthetic functionality. And each room offers Wireless High Speed Internet Access and 24-hour room service."



**Green Statement:** "Many of these items listed above just seem to make sense in the business world of today."

### CORE ACTIVITIES for Lodging

☒ This symbol indicates a required activity for Virginia Green Lodging facilities. Participants self-certify that these activities are in place and they provide additional specifics on other activities. Visitors to **The Westin Arlington Gateway** can expect the following practices:

☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must have some sort of system in place that allows guests to not have their sheets and towels changed every day. This facility pledges that they:

- Train house cleaners on process for optional linen service

- Purchase water and energy efficient washers and dryers
- Minimize use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- Use linens service providers that employ “wet” versus “dry” cleaning

☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Virginia Green Lodging facilities must recycle and are highly encouraged to maintain a comprehensive recycling program. This facility pledges that they:

- Recycle: glass, grease, office paper, toner cartridges, newspaper, cardboard, fluorescent lamps, batteries, electronic equipment
- Track overall waste bills
- Use bulk soap dispensers instead of individual soaps
- Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
- Do not use Styrofoam
- Use reusable dishware and glassware, and minimize use of disposables
- Use non-bleached napkins and coffee filters
- Use water pitches and filtered water to minimize the use of single-use bottles
- Have an effective food inventory control to minimize waste
- Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
- Purchase recycled-content paper towels and toilet paper
- Purchase from vendors and service providers with a commitment to the environment
- Make 2-sided copies/ printed materials
- Use electronic correspondence and forms
- Purchase durable equipment and furniture
- Purchase low VOC carpets and fabrics
- Properly recycle/dispose of thinners and solvents
- Perform preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
- Use a last-in/first-out inventory and labeling system
- Use less toxic materials
- Minimize the use of pesticides and herbicides
- Use a nutrient management plan that minimizes the use of fertilizers
- Use integrated pest management (IPM)

☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall water usage and wastewater
- Perform preventative maintenance to stop drips and leaks
- Use water-flow metering to discover leaks and areas of high use
- Have:
  - high efficiency dishwashers
  - low flow restrictors on faucets and showerheads
  - low flow toilets
- Discourage water-based cleanup (sweeping first)
- Have an effective landscape management plan which utilize drought tolerant species, metering and rain gauges, and minimizes lawn areas
- Have an effective stormwater management plan including: rain gardens, pervious pavement, and the minimization of impervious areas (paving, concrete, etc)
- Use cisterns, drip-line irrigation

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives. This facility pledges that they:

- Track overall energy bills
- Use:
  - compact fluorescent light bulbs in all rooms and in canned lighting
  - high efficiency fluorescent ballasts and lamps (T5s and T8s)
- Have high efficiency heating & air conditioning (HVAC) systems
- Have individual thermostats for each room/area
- Use natural lighting
- Use lighting sensors to turn on/off lights
- Purchase EnergyStar-rated computers, copiers, and appliances

- ☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided. This facility pledges that they:
- Promote the availability of “green meetings/conferences” in marketing packages
  - Available on request, bulk pad and pen station, water pitchers or drinking fountains for larger groups, recycling of paper

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For more information on **The Westin Arlington Gateway**, see [www.westin.com/arlington](http://www.westin.com/arlington) or contact **Stuart Roginson** at [stuart.robinson@westin.com](mailto:stuart.robinson@westin.com).

For more information on **Virginia Green Lodging** program, see [www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging) or go to [www.viriniagreentravel.org](http://www.viriniagreentravel.org).



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